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REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claim 3 is acknowledged with appreciation. By this amendment the features of claim 3 and the essential features of intervening claim 2 have been incorporated into parent claim 1, and claims 2 and 3 have been canceled.

The section line A-A in Fig. 2 has been amended to IV-IV to correspond with the number of the figure which shows the section.

The rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is believed overcome by the amendments to the claims to replace the term "base plate" with the term "bottom panel" for which there is a proper antecedent.

The rejections of claims over prior art have been rendered moot by the foregoing amendments.

In view of the foregoing amendments, all claims are respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #100584.52708US).

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2. In Figure 2, the section line A-A has been re-numbered IV-IV to correspond to the Figure number of the sectional view.

Attachments: New sheet of drawings showing Figs. 2 through 4 and annotated sheet showing changes.



